



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK  
 3RD MAY 2020  
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



**POPE FRANCIS AND THE MAY ROSARY**

In his letter to the Faithful for the month of May Pope Francis wants to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. Our Holy father also provided 2 prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, which he himself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of us. The 2 prayers are as follows:-

**First Prayer**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. *We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

**Second Prayer**

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God". In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:**

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

**Anniversary and remembrance Masses**

Saturday	2nd May	6.00pm	Av's	Dessie Murphy. Sean Ford. Patrick (Pat) Foley. Marie Hynes.
Monday	4th May	10.00am	Av	May Drum.
Saturday	9th May	6.00pm	Av's	Dermot Murphy. Patrick & Annie Malone & son Packie Malone, daughters Sheila & Ellen Malone. Dessie Gorman. Florence Callan.



**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** Monica Cardwell, Beechmount Drive. Miceál MacArtain, Mount Avenue. Elizabeth Roddy, Ard Easmuinn. Gay Nicholson, Ard Easmuinn. Doreen Rogers, Cedarwood Park. Marie Collins (née Larkin) Mount Avenue. Joan Kinney (née Hughes) Ard Easmuinn. Jack (Jackie) Coburn, Blackrock.



**PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION** In light of the current situation with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) there have been a lot of enquiries from parishioners wishing to continue to support our parish financially during these testing times. To facilitate this, parishioners are advised to leave their weekly envelope in the Parish Office letterbox. This will be checked and emptied regularly.

**BETHANY HOUSE OF PRAYER** 34 Point Road, Dundalk. **Telephone Prayer Ministry.** Telephone 042-9331602. 9.00am-9.00pm daily. The Sisters of Mercy, at the above address, continue to welcome any person who may wish to request "A Prayer by Telephone", especially during these difficult times.

**I am the gate of the Sheepfold- Sunday's Gospel reading Jn 10:1-10**

This 4th Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday, as each year on this Sunday we listen to a part of St. John's Gospel about Jesus describing Himself as the Good Shepherd. When a time of crisis or tragedy occurs in our lives, be that of illness or death. Perhaps we just feel we can't cope, or whatever difficult moments we may face in life, we can be sure that Jesus our Good Shepherd will always be there to guard us, protect us and lead us through our darkest hours. This should always give us hope and comfort that we never have to face anything alone. Our Good Shepherd will always watch over us and protect us and help us. Why not reflect on some difficult times you had and see where our Good Shepherd was there for you, as it may not have been obvious at the time and give thanks for that help. But just as our Good Shepherd is there for us so too He calls on us to be a Good Shepherd to others, and so follow the example He sets for us. In other words we are called to protect and care for others. We are to watch over those who need watching over. In our community who are those who are forgotten, helpless or in some need?. How can we be a Good Shepherd to them, especially during this time of pandemic?



This Sunday is also known as Vocation Sunday and so every year the Church sets aside this day in order to especially pray for and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please pray for vocations. A new video promoting the call to priesthood in our diocese can be found on the following link [www.armaghpriest.com](http://www.armaghpriest.com).

**A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your church helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.



**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT:** The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy. The Safeguarding Children representative for Holy Redeemer Parish is Thomas Fox 042-93-34259.





